

Scrapbook - July - August 1975

**Del. Wilson Writes
To Congressman 243
Concerning Energy**

According to Delegate William T. Wilson, the Environmental Protection Agency is trying to force the C&O Railway to convert its power plants from coal to oil. Wilson said that according to Dan S. Anderson, Jr., vice-general chairman of the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers, this change of fuel would be tremendously expensive and a tragic waste of energy.

Wilson said that he had written to Congressman M. Caldwell Butler about the matter and had received word from Butler that he had written the Federal Energy Administration for its comments. Butler told Wilson that the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee is presently making up legislation to amend the Clean Air Act to permit the continued use of coal facilities where its use does not constitute an actual hazard to human health.

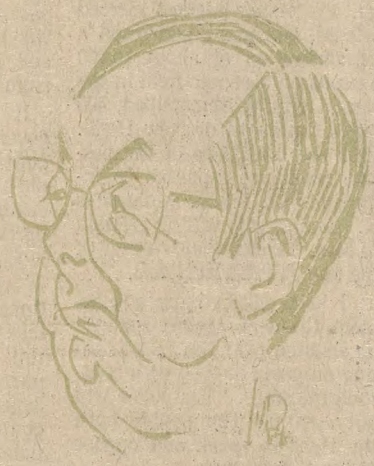
As soon as Butler gets additional information on the subject, he is to let Wilson know.

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THE ROANOKE TIMES, Sunday, July 27, 1975

Inside The Times



Rep. M. Caldwell Butler voted a year ago today to impeach Richard Nixon. In the months leading to that decision, Butler wrestled with the evidence, the political pressures and his conscience. Times Washington Bureau reporter Wayne Woodlief tape-recorded Butler's thoughts in that historic period, and reveals them in a gripping story in **Horizon**.

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Roanoke County asked citizens for advice and comments, and may have got more than it bargained for. **Page B-1.**

Citizens band radios are popular—with thieves as well as buyers. **Page B-1.**

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etc.

Seems Clifton Forge is just out of luck as far as receiving funds from the feds for construction of a new elementary school here.

In June, Mrs. Edward Allen, Mrs. William Barnette and Mrs. Robert Putnam met with Jeff Gregson, Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's "man-on-the scene" to discuss the problems here concerning a new elementary school.

At that time, Gregson toured the Elementary/West school and reported to the Congressman.

Butler in turn wrote Alpheus L. White, Director, Division of State Assistance.

In a letter to the three parents, Butler said:

"Please recall your recent visit with my district assistant at my Open Door Meeting concerning the availability of federal funds for the elementary school in Clifton Forge.

"I contacted the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Office of Education with regard to this matter. Enclosed herewith please find correspondence from Alpheus L. White, Director of the Division of State Assistance for the Office of Education, in response to my inquiry on your behalf. I believe it is self-explanatory.

"Since Clifton Forge is not designated as a federally impacted or a major disaster area, this program could not be of assistance to the city. Further it appears that the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 relates only to vocational educational activities and could not provide construction funds for the school. It may be worth checking into, however, to determine whether that section of the school which would relate to vocational education could be funded through the Appalachian Regional Development program. The information on who to contact for this program was provided to you in my last letter.

"I regret the information is not more encouraging, however, if you believe that I may be of further assistance with this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to let me know."

White wrote to Butler saying:

"Thank you for your inquiry of June 27 in which you sought information on the availability of funds for public school construction on behalf of three of your constituents, Mrs. William Barnette, Mrs. Edward Allen, and Mrs. Robert Putnam.

"Federal funding for public school construction under programs administered by the United States Office of Education is authorized in two programs: (1) School Aid to Federally Impacted and Major Disaster Areas (P.L. 815), and (2) Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965. These two programs are outlined in the "Guide to OE-Administered programs, Fiscal year 1975." A copy of this Guide, which includes information on how and where to make application for these funds is enclosed."

Butler announces final plans for annual farm meet Aug. 4

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Butler's Record Praised by ACU

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Virginia's 6th District is being praised by the American Conservative Union (ACU) for his voting record in Washington.

Based on what the ACU considered 15 key votes this year, the organization gave Butler 100 per cent—a rating that went to only nine other members of Congress.

The ACU announcement said the 15 votes reflected Butler's desire to "stem inflation by cutting excessive government spending, reduce the federal bureaucracy and strengthen national defense.

"His voting record shows he knows irresponsible federal spending is the real cause of inflation—and ultimately of recession as well," ACU Chairman M. Stanton Evans said in the announcement.



FARM CONFERENCE — Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz (left) will be introduced by Rep. M. Caldwell Butler at Butler's farm conference Monday at the McCormick Farm at Steeles Tavern. The program will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude with a barbecue at noon. Butz will give opening remarks and then join a panel to answer questions from members of the audience.

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Congressman Butler Is Recognized

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Staunton, Va., Leader, Wednesday, July 30, 1975 19



SIXTH DISTRICT U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler and consumer advocate Ralph Nader confer following Nader's testimony last week to the House Commodities and Services Subcommittee regarding shortages of canning materials. The subcommittee, of which Rep. Butler is a member, has also heard testimony from the Federal Trade Commission, which has promised to launch a major investigation into the continued shortages of canning materials in the face of increased production.

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THE RECORDER, THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1975

Butler Farm Conference Set for Monday

STEELES TAVERN - The nation's top agricultural official, Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz, will be the featured speaker at the annual farm conference to be held Monday, Aug. 4 at 10 a.m. at McCormick Farm near Steeles Tavern. The conference will be co-sponsored by Sixth District Representative M. Caldwell Butler and by Seventh District Representative J. Kenneth Robinson.

Other top agricultural officials are on the agenda for the Monday meeting, which is expected to conclude at noon, followed by a free barbecue lunch. The conference is open to all farmers and other residents of the sixth and seventh congressional districts.

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Rep. Butler announced yesterday that he will hold a news conference for Secretary of Agriculture Butz preceding the farm conference at 9:30 a.m. in the media tent at McCormick Farm.

THE DAILY ADVANCE, Lynchburg, Va., Thurs., July 31, 1975

Virginians vote 8 to 2 for oil plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here is how congressmen from Virginia voted Wednesday in the 228 to 189 roll call by which the House killed President Ford's compromise energy plan. A yes vote was to kill the plan.

Democrats — Dan Daniel no; Downing no; Fisher yes; Harris yes; Satterfield no.

Republicans — Butler no; R. W. Daniel no; Robinson no; Wampler no; Whitehurst no.

Roanoke, Virginia, Thursday, July 31, 1975

Salary Vote Splits Va. Congressmen

By WAYNE WOODLIEF
And JACK BETTS
Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—Virginia Senate and House members split this week on the vote for a cost-of-living raise for congressmen and other federal employees.

"This would insulate Congress from inflation and Congress is a major cause of inflation," said Harry Byrd Jr., Virginia's independent senior senator, who voted against the raise Tuesday.

"It's fair and reasonable," said William L. Scott, Virginia's Republican junior senator, who voted for the pay increase.

Scott said the measure would provide some relief for about 17,000 federal professionals who have had no extra pay to meet "a roughly 53 per cent increase in the cost of living in the last six and a half years."

He said Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., had jokingly advised, "Vote no and take the dough." That approach, Scott said, doesn't suit him. "I'm a frank speaker. I think we ought to be fair to everybody, including ourselves."

Seven of Virginia's 10 House members voted against the raise Wednesday. Rep. Thomas N. Downing, a Tidewater Democrat, and two Northern Virginia Democrats, Reps. Herbert Harris and Joseph Fisher, voted for it.

But several of the raise's Virginia opponents conceded that they, like other congressmen hit by inflation, can use the extra money.

"Oh, yeah, I've got a place for it," said Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, a Roanoke Republican. He said he soon will have two children in college plus two homes (one in

Washington and one in his home district) to maintain.

Butler said he had reservations, however, "about voting a pay increase for ourselves for the term in which we're in office." The more fitting approach, he said, would have been to "vote a pay raise for the succeeding term and then go back to answer to the people."

Two young North Carolina congressmen who said low pay was forcing them to sell their homes voted Tuesday for the pay raises.

One of them, Winston-Salem Democrat Stephen L. Neal, was among a number of congressmen who voted against but then switched their votes during a roll call in the House when it appeared that the measure might fail.

Later, Neal and fellow Democrat Charlie Rose of Fayetteville said current congressional pay of \$42,500 wasn't enough to keep up two homes—one in his district and one in Washington—and that the pay raise was a make-or-break matter for them.

Rose said that he already had been forced to sell his Fayetteville home in order to keep his family together in a rented house in Washington's Northern Virginia suburbs. "I've got two children and another on the way, and I face the prospect of raising three kids on an insufficient salary," Rose said.

Meanwhile, Neal said that he had decided to sell his house in Winston-Salem "just so I can keep going."

Like Rose, Neal also rents a home in Virginia.



SEN. HARRY BYRD JR.
Against Cost-of-Living Raise



SEN. WILLIAM L. SCOTT
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ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1975

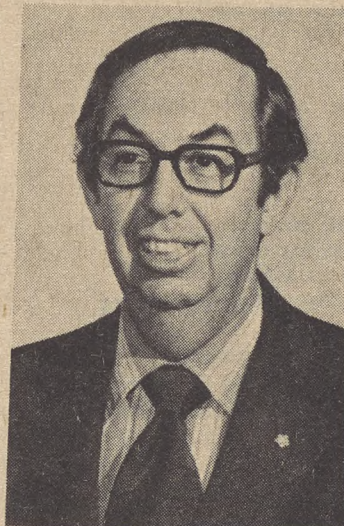
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"At a time when concern for the fate and fundamental direction of the American political process is so great, the voting public deserves to know where their elected representatives stand, unequivocally and without hesitation"



declared ACU Chairman M. Stanton Evans.

"Representative Butler has forthrightly upheld the American traditions of limited government, fiscal integrity and strong national defense. His voting record shows that he knows irresponsible Federal Spending is the real cause of inflation — and ultimately of recession as well."

Butler Hailed By Conservative Union

The Bedford Bulletin-Democrat, July 31, 1975

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The Bedford Bulletin-Democrat, July 31, 1975



FOR FARM CONFERENCE. The Secretary of Agriculture, Earl L. Butz, left, is seen in conference with Congressman M. Caldwell Butler of the Sixth Virginia District. Secretary Butz and Rep. Butler both will be members of a panel at the Fourth Annual Farm Conference arranged by Mr. Butler for next Monday, Aug. 4, at ten a.m. at a farm near Steele's Tavern in Augusta County. Several Bedford men plan to attend and Mr. Butz is expected to be called on to answer many sharp questions.

Grants Officially Given

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Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, here for his fourth annual farm conference, took the opportunity Monday to officially present federal Community Development grants to the three area governing bodies.

The presentations came as no surprise, as the local governments had already been advised by the Department of Housing and Urban Development that the grants had been approved.

But the official presenting of the grants by their congressman gave the local leaders the feeling of an added personal element in the grant process.

Shortly before 3 p.m. Butler arrived at Lexington City Hall and presented the \$97,978 HUD grant for the city's proposed Woods Creek Park.

He was accompanied by Carroll A. Mason of Richmond, area director with HUD.

Moving on to the county administrator's office, the 6th District Representative presented a \$400,000 grant for a water main to connect the new Fairfield water system with the county's existing line at Timber Ridge.

Butler then went to Buena Vista to make official presentation of the \$450,000 HUD block grant to the officials of that city.

under construction.

The Fairfield system has been under contract for two years, Butler was told, and the authority has spent \$65,000 in drilling wells without obtaining a satisfactory water source for the system. Now the Fairfield system can be tied in with the county's Maury River line at Timber Ridge.

Construction will start

soon at Fairfield and County Administrator Don Austin said plans should be ready for bids on the transmission line by November.

Horn asked Carroll Mason about the possibility of obtaining a HUD grant for a water system for Arnolds Valley, where an earlier plan by the authority had to be dropped when insufficient potential customers could be

signed up within the allotted time.

Mason said funds for that project might be available in the new fiscal year.

In Buena Vista the \$450,000 grant will be used for major improvements to the city's sanitary and storm sewer systems.

A \$200,000 project is

designed to reduce excessive infiltration into the sanitary sewer system during periods of heavy rain, said City Manager Harold Gesell. The \$250,000 will be used primarily to improve the channel of Indian Gap Run, starting at the Maury River, to make it a proper size to handle water from the storm sewer system and other runoff and to eliminate flooding.

In a brief statement at each ceremony, Butler stated that under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 a new program was established which provides localities with "maximum flexibility in developing their own programs with only broad federal guidelines."

The congressman presented the local officials with a certificate from Carla A. Hills, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, which also emphasized the importance of local decision making in the new grant program.

At Lexington City Hall, Vice Mayor Lloyd R. Bowling received the certificate for the city. He said the grant makes possible for the city the establishment of a recreation facility for this and future generations which the city could not have provided alone.

City Councilman Boyd Stuart, who was also present, commented that the grant "makes a dream of six years come true."

At the county ceremony, chairman H. D. Carter of the Board of Supervisors received the certificate.

Also present was Ray Horn, vice chairman of the county public service authority, who thanked Butler for "going to bat" for the HUD grant.

In discussing the grant with Butler, county officials pointed out how important it is to the county's entire water program. It actually makes possible the release of other HUD funds that had been previously promised but could not be released until the various water systems throughout the county were

U.S. Grain Sale²⁴⁰ Defended By Butz

By LAWSON MARSHALL
News State Editor

STEELES TAVERN — Accusing his critics of attempting to distract attention from their own inflation feeding activities, Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz Monday continued to defend the sale of grain to the Soviet Union.

Speaking at a farm conference sponsored by Reps. M. Caldwell Butler and J. Kenneth Robinson, Butz said congressmen who blame inflation on "selling a few bushels abroad here and there" are attempting to distract attention from congressional spending, the prime cause of inflation.

Butz also accused labor leaders of trying to distract attention from rising wage rates by blaming the wheat deal for inflation.

He said bakers are looking for a "scapegoat" for the increased cost of bread.

After the 1972 Soviet grain deal when bakers blamed the sale for an increase in bread costs, Butz said, the price of the wheat in a loaf of bread rose one cent at farm prices and the cost of the loaf rose 11 cents.

He challenged the bakers to defend this.

When asked about Sunday's announcement suspending grain shipments to Russia, he denied that it was a political decision.

Butz said he is awaiting next week's crop estimates before deciding on the future of further shipments.

He said a prime consideration is insuring an adequate supply for the U.S.'s regular foreign customers, Japan and India.

He said the U.S. will have 1.4 billion bushels of extra wheat this year and I want to export it.

In answer to a concern from one of the almost 2,000 persons at the conference at McCormick Farm, the Secretary said agriculture exports are a "factor for the extension of peace."

In answer to charges that these exports will boost the

cost of food for the American consumer he said, We have got to sell abroad to have cheaper prices."

He said exports allow the American farmer to produce at full capacity, lowering the per unit cost of food items.

The prime concerns of farmers at the conference seemed to center on governmental restrictions on production.

Butz said his administration is "taking the heavy hand of bureaucracy from American farmers."

He said the Ford Administration's agriculture policy can be summed up in one word, "plenty."

Hyde H. Murray, minority counsel for the House Agriculture Committee, told the farmers of three areas of congressional action affecting them.

Regarding Environmental Protection Agency rulings on pesticides, Murray said legislation will be introduced to give the Department of Agriculture concurrent jurisdiction with
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tor, Agriculture and Natural Resources, VPI and SU, and Mason S. Carbaugh, commissioner, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

requiring certification for certain pesticide and other chemical usage is estimated to cost the American farmer \$2.5 billion.

Butz said last week's ruling barring the use of chlordane will give insects more grain than is being sold to the Soviet Union.

Butz, Murray and Rep. Robinson attacked the Food Stamp program.

Butz said two-thirds of his department is devoted to this "welfare program."

Murray said "meaningful reform is beginning to stir to humanize the program."

He said efforts are under way to give maximum benefits to persons who deserve them and to minimize benefits to persons who don't.

In the area of farm legislation, Murray said, compromise seems to be the key to coming legislation.

When questioned about specific farm areas, the Secretary said the beef industry is in a 10 to 12-year cycle and "of course we will come back."

Butz said the industry traditionally has run in cycles.

He foresees the Southeast as the future major supplier of calves for the midwestern feedlots.

When a North Carolina farmer expressed dissatisfaction at the price of tobacco, Butz attributed it to the quality of the leaf sold during the early part of the market season.

He said there is no possibility of having the Stabilization Corp. bid for tobacco sealed.

Currently, buyers see the government price before bidding on a pile of tobacco.

Butz offered no relief for the shortage of nitrogen fertilizer until natural gas is decontrolled at the well, stimulating exploration and production.

In addition to Butz and Murray, the panel at the conference included Neal C. Ewing Jr. area director of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Mahlon K. Rudy, executive director, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, David Grimwood, state director, Soil Conservation Service, Coyt T. Wilson, director, Agriculture Experiment Station, Richard Goodling, state director, Farmers Home Administration, Frank Elmore, director, Agriculture and Natural Resources, VPI and SU, and Mason S. Carbaugh, commissioner, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

Party Honors Couple

For Miss Beck

Mrs. Joseph H. Reed of Boonshoro Road entertained

Entertaining continued Monday evening in connection with the marriage of Miss Mary Ruth Vandegrift to Gary Wayne Davis when Mr. and Mrs. William A. Creasy of 1260 Krise Circle were hosts for an informal cook-out at their home honoring the couple. The Davis-Vandegrift wedding will take place at 8 o'clock Saturday evening in First Christian Church after which Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Frances Vandegrift, parents of the bride, will entertain with a reception in fellowship hall of the church. Guests invited to the Creasy home were Mr. and Mrs. Vandegrift and Mr. and Mrs. Van-McKinley Davis, parents of the bride and bridegroom, and relatives of the bride and bridegroom.

Luncheon

Guests attending the cocktail-buffet included Mr. and Mrs. Bunch and Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Moser of Raleigh, N. C., parents of the bride and bridegroom, and a group of friends and relatives. Mr. Moser and his parents are the week-end houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Bunch at their home on Clayton Ave.

Luncheon Given

Miss Lynda Hall was honored Monday with a luncheon of bridal appointment given by Mrs. Nathaniel Mason Pawlett of Charlottesville at her home.

Mrs. Pawlett will be her sister's matron of honor in her marriage Sunday to Charles Wayne Brown of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Clayton Hall of Appomattox, parents of the bride, will be hosts for an lawn reception after the ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Taylor, the bridegroom's uncle and aunt, in Gladstone.

Housewarming

H. E. Taylor III and W. J. Shalley Jr. of 1900 Canterbury Circle were hosts Friday evening at their home for a housewarming party and summer

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AT WIT'S END

Disappeared Fails On

By ERMA BOMBECK

News Gazette, Lexington, Va., August 5, 1975



THESE WATER PIPES for the Fairfield water system should soon be underground. A grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently assured the hook-up of the Fairfield system to Rockbridge

County's North Lexington system. Construction awaits approval of the revised plans for the Fairfield system from the regional health department.

staff photo

News Gazette, Lexington, Va., August 3, 1975



OFFICIAL presentation of Community Development grants to local officials is made by Rep. M. Caldwell Butler. In county ceremony (top photo, from left) are County Administrator Don Austin; H. D. Carter, chairman of the County Board of Supervisors; Butler; Carroll A. Mason, area director for HUD; and Ray Horn, vice chairman of the county public service authority. In Lexington city ceremony are (bottom photo, from left) Mason, Butler, city councilman Boyd Stuart and Vice Mayor Lloyd R. Bowling.

staff photos



Inflation Blamed for Prices

Wheat Sales 'Scapegoat,' Butz Claims ²⁴⁰

By MELVILLE CARICO
Times Political Writer

STEELES TAVERN — Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz said Monday the sale of wheat to Russia is being used as a "scapegoat" by politicians trying to hide from the American housewife the real reason for high prices at the grocery store.

The real reason, the secretary said, is inflation, and the main cause of the inflation is a skyrocketing national debt generated by new Democrats in Congress he characterized as "wild-eyed, bushy tailed youngsters."

Butz was the keynote speaker at Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's fourth annual Farm Conference. The controversial secretary was received warmly by the 1,000 farmers and agriculture leaders who turned out.

Butler's guests sat on bales of straw under two tents supplied by an auctioneer or sought shade under nearby trees in a grove on the McCormick Farm, a VPI experimental station.

They frequently applauded the 66-year-old Butz for his strong defense of the farmer in the running controversy in Washington over food prices.

"Everybody is looking for a scapegoat," Butz said.

He declared that claiming wheat sales to Russia are the cause of higher bread prices "is as phony as a \$3 bill."

Bread went up 11 cents a loaf the last two years, Butz said, but the wheat in that loaf of bread increased only a penny.

The American farmer is being encouraged to produce all he can—there are no more subsidies for taking land out of production, Butz emphasized.

In exchange, the secretary said, he should have the right to sell his products anywhere in the world he can.

He rejected claims that sale of wheat to Moscow is helping build Russia up militarily, holding that the reverse is true. The more they have to spend importing food, the less they have for armaments, Butz held.

Butz was introduced by Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson of the 7th District, a joint sponsor of the conference, who said Butler does all the work making the arrangements and getting the speakers.

Before introducing the secretary, Rob-

inson called the food stamp program "disgraceful" and said it should not be saddled on the Department of Agriculture—that, if anything, it should be transferred to Health, Education and Welfare (HEW).

There are now 19 million persons getting food stamps, and Butz said he sees very little chance of getting the program out of his department because the "hunger lobby" in Washington is very strong.

They do not want food stamps under HEW because there they would have to compete with other welfare programs or, as Butz described it, "have to compete with their own kind."

Butz told the valley farmers that two-thirds of the Department of Agriculture's \$14-billion annual budget goes for "welfare programs" unrelated to agriculture "because of the do-gooders in Congress."

Robinson said it is time the Department of Agriculture is allowed to concentrate on agriculture programs and not be "saddled" with welfare programs such as food stamps.

Butler put together a panel of agricultural experts for his guests to question, but most of the questions were directed at Butz.

Some questions, which had hostile overtones, concerned new federal regulations going into effect next year regulating the use of pesticides and other chemicals and safety laws such as the new one which will require a tractor to have a roll bar to protect the driver in event it overturns.

Several of farmers complained of "buck passing" by agencies and voiced resentment over Washington control of the use of their land.

Hyde H. Murray, minority (Republican) counsel for the House Agriculture Committee who accompanied Butz to the conference, said the new pesticide law undoubtedly will increase the cost of farming. How much, he said, is uncertain. But a preliminary report in a study commissioned by the Environmental Protection Agency projects a \$1-billion a year increase in the cost of manufacturing sprays and other chemicals used by farmers, Murray said.

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Editorials

Congressmen, Secretary of DA, farmers

With the participation of Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson, R-7th Va. District, and Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz, Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's annual conference on farm problems for area agriculturists was another notable success.

Held at the VPI experimental center on the historic McCormick farm near Steeles Tavern, it drew an estimated thousand persons. That they benefited from the information concerning agricultural legislation currently in effect and proposed can be realized by turning to today's report on the meeting.

Secretary Butz was in his usual optimistic mood about agricultural production and farmers' profits. He reiterated the opinion he gave last weekend that estimates of huge crops of wheat and corn justify more grain sales to the Soviet Union. He gave reassurances that these sales won't inflate domestic food prices as they did in 1972 when there was a substantial crop loss because of bad weather.

The Secretary also declared that his department is in position to disapprove grain exports if crop estimates Aug. 11 do not sustain earlier ones. Drought in three Middle Western states is already causing fears. Grain dealers have contracted with the Soviet to deliver millions of bushels of corn and wheat to the Soviet, but Sect. Butz evidently believes deliveries are subject to embargo if his department determines the American consumer would suffer heavily from price increases were the expected bumper crops not to materialize.

Rep. Robinson, congressman for this area when it was in the 7th District, received a warm welcome from the crowd at the McCormick farm, as he has continued his interest in and service to farmers, and his conservative policies. Rep. Butler, who has won much praise in and out of Congress as Republican member of the House from this district, presided expertly over the program he had developed. He inspired keen interest and applause of the farmers attending.

Butz critical of 'spend artists' in Congress

By CHESTER GOOLRICK III
Leader Staff Writer

STEELES TAVERN — An estimated 1,000 persons braved torrid weather Monday to attend U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's Fourth Annual Farm Conference here and to hear Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz deliver opinions on everything from politicians to the cost of fertilizer.

Secretary Butz was the most prestigious member of the blue ribbon panel which convened at 10 a.m. under a large tent set up on the grounds of the Cyrus McCormick farm. Others who were available to answer questions from the audience beside Mr. Butz and Rep. Butler were Hyde Murray, minority counsel to the House Agriculture Committee; 7th District U.S. Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson; Neal C. Ewing Jr., area director of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and several other agricultural experts.

But for the most part the show belonged to Secretary Butz, a man who wears the benign expression of a favorite grandfather but is, clearly, less than grandfatherly when dealing with his critics.

His congressional critics are the Secretary's favorite target. Calling them "spend artists", he charged Congress with causing inflation by backing deficit spending and said that farmers, more than any group, have been hurt by current economic woes.

"The Congress has no sense of fiscal responsibility," Mr. Butz said, singling out for particularly strong criticism youthful members of both houses.

As he had earlier at a press conference on Sunday on a national network news show, Secretary Butz assured his audience that Russian wheat deals will not raise the cost of bread to the consumer.

He said that surplus wheat crops amounting to 1.4 billion bushels make the grain sales practicable.

Secretary Butz added that he is "delighted by the grain sales" and said he would "rather sell food than hardware to the Russians".

A majority of questions posed by the large audience, which included many area political candidates, centered on safety and environmental regulations which farmers fear will increase the cost of food production.

Mr. Murray, answering a question from Mary Frances Houff, an Augusta County dairy farmer, said that new pesticide regulations will increase the cost of feed by "some measureable amount".

Responding to the same question, Secretary Butz said the Environmental Protection Agency is a powerful lobby which often makes decisions without regard for the welfare of all the people.

"We just cannot go back to the organic method of farming. We could go back, but we would have to choose which 50 million Americans we would let starve to death," he elaborated.

On a safety measure requiring rollover protective equipment on farm tractors by Nov. 1, OSHA's Mr. Ewing said that the legislation will not affect tractors purchased before that date.

Mr. Ewing said that objections to the new law do not take into account the large number of accidents involving tractors each year.

The new law will also require tractors to have seat belts.

Other members of the panel were Mahlon K. Rudy, executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service; David Grimwood, state director of the Soil Conservation Service; Coyt T. Wilson, director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at the McCormick farm; Richard Goodling, state director of the Farmer's Home Administration, and Frank Elmore, director of Agriculture and Natural Resources at VPI&SU.

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SECRETARY of Agriculture Earl L. Butz, right, shares a light moment during the Fourth Annual Farm Conference on the grounds of the Cyrus McCormick farm with U. S. Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson, left, and U. S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, who sponsors the event.

(Photo by Chester Goolrich III)

Butz defends farmers^{2x0} in food price squawk

STEELES TAVERN (AP)—Farmers sat on bales of hay in the hot sun and listened as Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz bemoaned the attitude of the "wild-eyed, bushy-tailed youngsters" in Congress.

Butz, a prime whipping boy for Democrats in Washington, was among friends, to say the least, and got a warm reception from the 1,000 farmers and agriculture leaders attending Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's annual farm conference Monday.

The 66-year-old Butz was frequently applauded as he defended the farmer in the running controversy in Washington over food prices.

"Everybody is looking for a scapegoat," Butz said, adding that the claim that wheat sales to Russia will cause higher bread prices "is as phony as a \$3 bill."

Butz said the price of bread increased 11 cents a loaf over the last two years but that the wheat contained in a loaf of bread increased only one cent.

The American farmer is being encouraged to produce all he can because there are no

subsidies for taking land out of production, Butz said.

In exchange, he added, the farmer should have the right to sell his products throughout the world.

There are some, Butz said, who claim that selling wheat to the Russians will help build up the Soviet military. But he countered that claim by saying that the more Russia spends on importing food the less it will have to spend for armaments.

Butz, shedding his coat under a hot tent, referred to "some of these characters in Congress" several times and of the "hunger lobby" that has saddled his department with a food stamp program he doesn't like.

Food, Butz said, "is a fair target for the demagogues in government."

The agriculture secretary, in his homey and colorful speech, said he was glad to see the Russians coming to the Americans for food. He compared it to biblical times and said it was like asking "Joseph and the Pharaoh for food. I think we've got them where we want them."

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PLENTY of chicken barbecue and trimmings are served to the crowd of about 1,000 people who turned out for Rep.

Caldwell Butler's annual farm conference Monday at the McCormick Farm.

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Butz Defends Policy

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Instead, agriculture has moved into foreign trade, and is "our number one source of foreign exchange," providing an \$11 billion plus factor in trade.

Noting that Japan is the American farmers' biggest customer abroad, Butz asked photographers present how many of them were using Japanese cameras. All of them were.

Those cameras, as well as color TV sets and other manufactured goods are paid for by farm exports, he declared. "We have got to sell abroad to have cheaper prices at home," he asserted.

As for trade with the Russians, the secretary gave his view that "it is far better to exchange bushels than bullets." Later, in answer to a question he said the Russians are paying cash for American grain and the more they have to spend on food the less they can spend on hardware.

"I think we have got them where we want them," he quipped.

As for the delay he recently ordered in further grain sales to Russia, he said officials need a little more time to see how the corn crop will turn out. He noted that corn is vital to the cow-calf operator here in the Valley.

Commenting that America is still basically a nation of family farms, Butz said, "We have got to keep the profit motive in agriculture."

He called this factor "the invisible cement" that makes this country's system work and he said this is what the Russian teams of experts don't see when they visit the U. S.

into a loaf of bread has increased one cent, while the cost of the loaf has gone up 11 cents. Touching on the same issue, he pointed out that wage rates have gone up 22 per cent in the past two years, far more than productivity has increased.

The secretary made it unmistakably clear that the government is essentially out of the grain stockpiling business.

"But that doesn't mean we don't have a reserve — we have a good reserve, held by farmers," he quickly added. "That is a far safer reserve than one owned by the government."

Butz indicated that a basic tenet in his philosophy is to "keep agriculture market oriented and out of the hands of government."

He called the American farmers the nation's "greatest inflation fighters."

The present Democratic-controlled Congress, he charged, is "the chief architect of inflation," and he said "I think it is time to blow the whistle on escalating government spending."

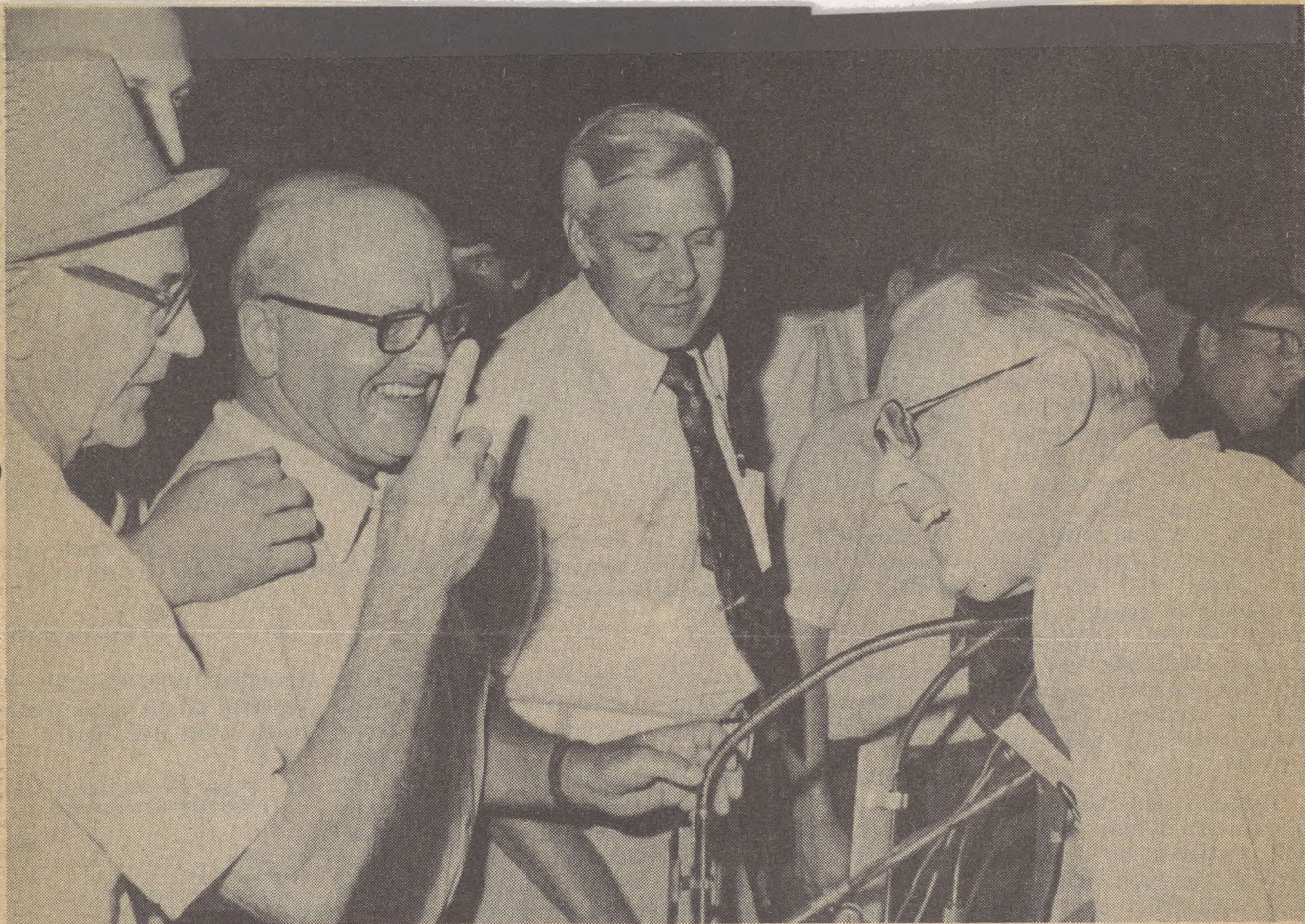
He called the Russian grain sales "the scapegoat of the big spenders in Congress."

He referred to his appearance Sunday on the TV program "Face the Nation" in which he had taken a loaf of bread with 18 slices and shown that only three slices represent what the farmer is paid for his grain.

Warming to his subject, he said that in the metropolitan areas it costs about as much to transport bread from the baker to the supermarket as it does to pay for the wheat in the bread.

In the past three years, he said, the price of grain going

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ENJOYING give and take with area farmers Monday is U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz (right). The top agriculture official was speaker at Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's

fourth annual farm conference at the McCormick Farm Monday.

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AT PRESS CONFERENCE Secretary of Agriculture Butz answers reporters' questions. Here to speak at Monday's farm conference, he is flanked (left to right) by Rep. Cald-

well Butler, conference sponsor; Hyde Murray, minority counsel for the House Agriculture Committee; and Rep. Kenneth Robinson, conference co-sponsor.

staff photo



EXCHANGING IDEAS on the national and local levels are U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz (center), William H. McClure (left) superintendent of the Virginia Tech experiment station at the McCormick Farm; and Allen G. Strecker, Rockbridge Extension agent.

staff photo

LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1975

Butz Defends Farm Policy At Outing

by N-G staff writer

"American agriculture has a positive food policy — a policy of plenty," U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz declared here Monday.

Butz came to the Shenandoah Valley to address Rep. Caldwell Butler's fourth annual farm conference at the McCormick Farm near Steeles Tavern.

Over 1,000 farmers from a wide area crowded into the double tent and, seated on bales of straw, applauded the pugnacious cabinet officer.

Obviously relishing the occasion, Butz cracked jokes and hit hard at the "big spenders" in Congress. Wearing a dark suit, he hardly seemed to notice the oppressive heat. Other officials, out of deference to Butz, sweltered in their coats

and ties until he decided to shed his.

Vigorously defending his administration's policy, he stated that the new agricultural policy of plenty calls for full production.

"We have asked the far-

mers to go all out and it is only fair to them to give them access to markets everywhere," he said, referring to the recent controversial grain sales to Russia.

As for the American far-

mer, he said, "We have moved from being a drain on the taxpayer to standing on our own feet." The government, he explained, is no longer paying out billions to keep land out of production.

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Crowd Enjoys Day

Monday's farm meeting at Steeles Tavern had all the enthusiasm and verve of an old fashioned tent revival. It also had the trappings of modern show biz.

Virginia Tech's historic McCormick farm provided an ideal setting for the event.

The already friendly audience of 1,000 area farmers enjoyed the rapid-fire jokes of Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz and applauded his plain-spoken message.

Television crews found Butz ready and willing to give them interviews, and the nation's top agriculture official posed good-humoredly with local 4-H club

members.

Building on the experience of three past conferences, the organizers of Monday's affair had everything going as smoothly as clockwork—from the 9:30 a.m. press conference to the barbecue lunch on the lawn.

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, who sponsors the conference, got things off to a fast start with brief opening remarks, pointing out that with 6,000 farms in his district, agriculture is an important factor.

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District, co-sponsor of the event, introduced Butz with the comment that the secretary of agriculture has been "a friend of the farmer," and pointed out that Butz has held the top agriculture post longer than any other man in recent years.

Butz, looking younger than his 66 years, replied that "it is a privilege to meet with you here in this beautiful valley," and then, gesturing toward the two host congressmen, he added, "You have sent some wonderful people to congress."

Recalling his own boyhood in the country, he said that when his family's turn came to have the preacher to Sunday dinner his mother had a heaping plate of fried chicken which the minister enjoyed fully. After lunch, his father and the minister went out into the barnyard and the preacher remarked on a hen which was strutting proudly.

"You would too," replied his father, "if you had just had two sons go into the ministry."

In his introduction Robinson hit hard at the mushrooming federal food stamp program with which the Department of Agriculture is "saddled" and which now costs \$6 billion annually. Butz later expressed his agreement with Robinson's statement, saying that the "hunger lobby" wants to keep the program in the Department of Agriculture because they think it will fare better there than in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The closest thing to an expression of anxiety at the meeting was several questions about the ailing cow-calf industry.

Clarence Tardy asked Butz what he thought the future of the industry is.

The official admitted, "You have been through the wringer in the last few years,"

but he expressed confidence that the industry will rebound.

He pointed to the tradition of a 10-to-12 year cycle in the industry and said, "We are pulling out of the bottom of the cycle."

"Americans still have an appetite for good beef," he said, adding that it is to this area and to the southeastern states that the country must look for future expansion of the industry.

Another questioner asked what is being done to encourage beef exports. Butz replied that a federal marketing team is working on the problem, but Japan is still keeping American beef out.

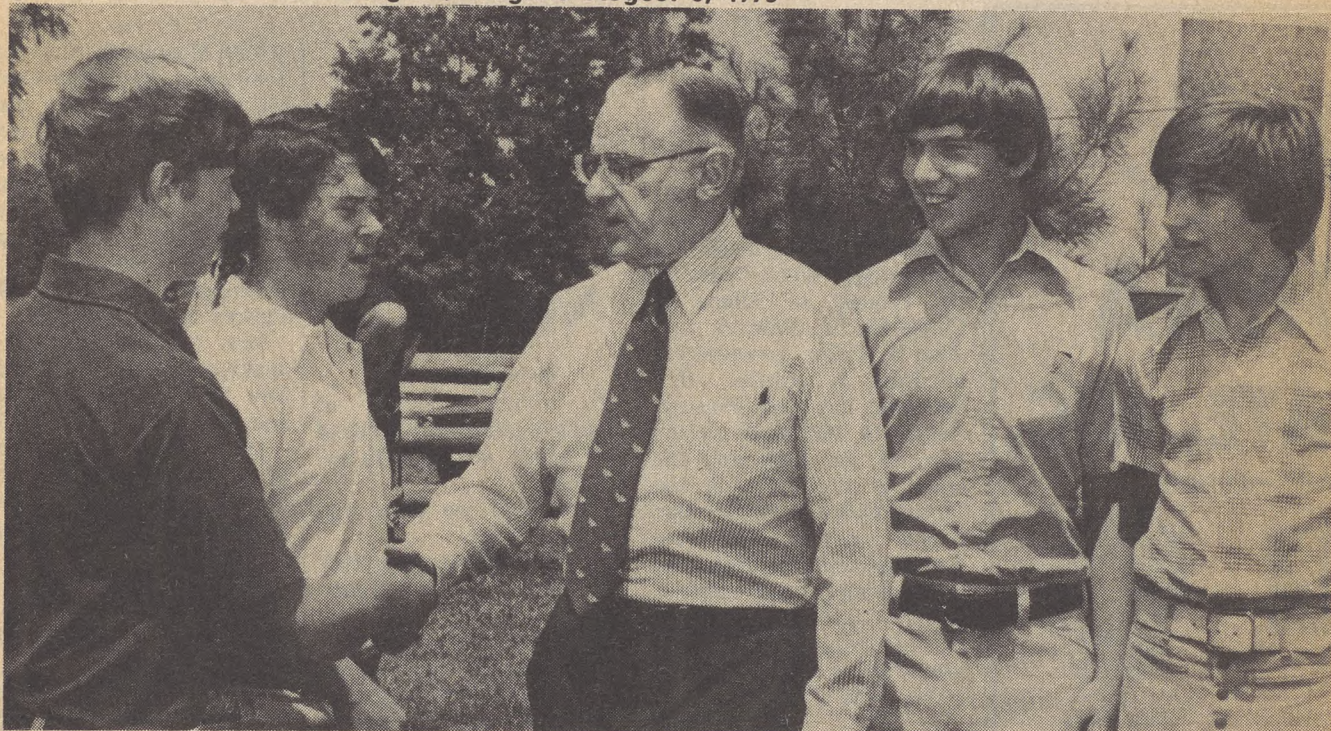
Hyde Murray, minority counsel for the House Agriculture Committee, struck a responsive note when he said new federal regulations will require someone to look over the farmer's shoulder as he applies chemicals.

Mason Carbaugh, commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce, commented that the state has set up a certification and licensing program for pesticides and other chemicals to help farmers comply with new federal standards and that he doesn't see any great problems with the certification program.

Another official, Neal Ewing, area director for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), explained that the new law requiring roll-over equipment on farm tractors will not be retroactive to machines already in use, but will only apply to new tractors being sold after a certain date.

These and other agriculture officials comprised a panel to answer farmers' questions. After the meeting formally adjourned for lunch at noon, the panel members continued to discuss problems with farmers on an individual basis.

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SECRETARY of Agriculture Butz takes time out at Monday's farm conference to shake hands with a group of Rock-

bridge 4-H club members. From left they are Ricky Strecker, Allen Strecker, Rodney Leech and Norris Hall.

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Housing Authority Gets Grant

Sixth District Representative M. Caldwell Butler has announced that the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority has received a \$442,340 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The modernization grant will be used to provide storm windows, attic insulation, cathodic protection, medicine cabinets, and conversion of heating systems in low income housing. Also included in the grant are additional

federal funding for construction of a day care center and city health facility in the 1700 block of Salem Avenue, SW.

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Appomattox, W&L

Lee Country Quiet

By BEN BEAGLE
Times Staff Writer

Robert Edward Lee regained his citizenship Tuesday and there was stillness, not only at Appomattox, but at Washington and Lee University in Lexington.

The chances are that Lee, who died in bed in Lexington more than a century ago, would have wanted it that way.

At Appomattox, Lee surrendered his once terrible Army of Northern Virginia and after that, as Dr. William Evitts of Hollins College said Tuesday, "he vanishes ..."

After Appomattox, Lee came to what was then Washington College to become president, saying, "I shall devote my remaining energies to training young men to do their duty in life."

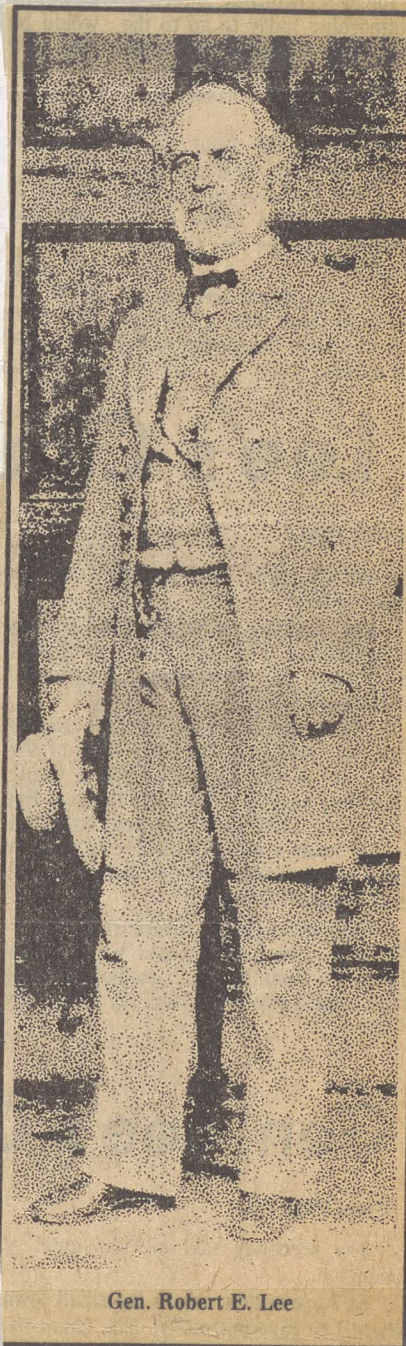
All was quiet on the Washington and

Lee campus Tuesday, where Lee lies buried and where the marble statue of him asleep on his camp bed has seldom been the subject matter of bad jokes about southern gentlemen.

Robert E.R. Huntley, Washington and Lee president, was out of his office and his secretary read over the telephone a statement Huntley had made when Lee's pardon was before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

In that statement, Huntley said: "Just as Lee himself was always reticent to seek anything which might seem to be of personal benefit, Washington and Lee has refrained from any active part in behalf of the effort in Congress to restore his citizenship."

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Gen. Robert E. Lee

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President Ford Hands Pen to Robert E. Lee V After Signing Lee's Citizenship Papers

AP Photo

Behind Ford Are Gov. Mills Godwin, Sen. Harry Byrd, Former Gov. Linwood Holton and (far right) Robert E. Lee IV

Lee's Citizenship Official

By WAYNE WOODLIEF
Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Gen. Robert E. Lee became a citizen of the United States again Tuesday.

President Ford signed the bill that restores the Confederate commander's citizenship on the grounds of the Custis-Lee Mansion in Arlington. Lee left the mansion in 1861, never to return, when he resigned his U.S. Army commission to lead Virginia's forces in the Civil War.

The ceremony was held outdoors in bright sunshine near a slope which overlooks President John F. Kennedy's grave and affords a sweeping view of the capital city and the Arlington National Cemetery.

Ford signed the bill at an antique wooden desk below the mansion's marble pillars. With him were U.S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., I-Va., who had worked for passage of the bill for several years; Rep. M.

Caldwell Butler, R-Va., who guided it through the House; Gov. Mills E. Godwin, four other Virginia congressmen and former Govs. Colgate Darden and Linwood Holton.

Lee's great-grandson, Robert E. Lee IV, a Northern Virginia businessman, and his son, Robert E. Lee V, attended, too.

Darden, the white-haired former president of the University of Virginia, caught White House speech writers in a historical error in Ford's remarks.

"It's an extraordinary error," Darden said, noting that the President said Lee had resigned his federal commission to take command of the Army of Northern Virginia, the main war unit of the Confederacy.

"He gave it up to take command of the Virginia forces," Darden said. "It was later (a year later, in fact) that Gen. Joseph Johnston, commander of the army of

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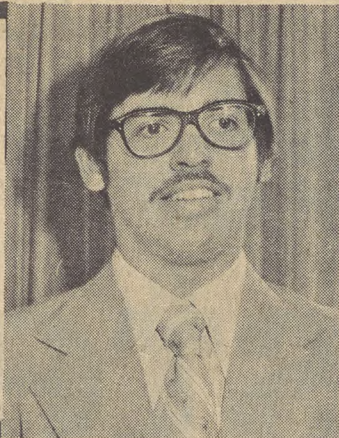


U. S. Secretary of Agriculture grasps the lectern and lowers his wit at critics of his grain export policy during a press conference at McCormick Farm Monday. Co-sponsors of the annual Farm Conference at which Butz also spoke, stand on

either side of the secretary and the Minority Counsel for the House Agriculture Committee, Hyde H. Murray. Sponsoring the conference along with Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, left, was Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson. (Cook Photo)

Guest

Column



Editor's Note: Rob Hildebrand of Salem completes his series of reports on his recent stint as an intern for Congressman Caldwell Butler.)

Who Do We Trust?

Some people would have you believe that the United States is on the decline. In fact, these people voicing this pessimism (like the crew of Columbus' ship did when they saw the new world) point toward inflation, unemployment, the cost of energy, and even the building industry. They have come to a consensus that we are doomed like a blade of grass in Death Valley.

I will be the first to agree that inflation, unemployment, the cost of energy and even the building industry have been bad. If you listen to economists, then you realize that we are turning the corner on all aspects of the economy. I think we can safely say that things are getting better.

With that aside we can look at our government and compare it to the rest of the Free World. However, such a comparison as this would be like comparing the prices of high quality department stores to the prices of factory outlets.

If we take a look at the other nations, our inflation rate, our unemployment rate, and the other aspects we measure our economic quality by, you will see that our conditions surpass theirs substantially. We can attribute our superiority to the better economic foundation we have.

Taking it another step, we can contribute this economic turn around to our government, a system sometimes so slow and criticized for doing nothing that you would just like to isolate yourself and pull out of the establishment.

You might feel this way because, you ask yourself, "What's in it for me?" Giving up on the system is the wrong attitude to take, even if you should go to extremes and accuse it of being socialistic or fascist. The government which takes care of us is one that we are responsible for, like a builder of a house is responsible for his finished product. It has been those who have helped build this great tortoise of a government, but we also are the ones who are screaming to put a muzzle on the massive governmental agencies that eat away at us day after day.

So what do we do? Whom should we trust? Should we take the old King Kong and the girl climbing the Empire State Building approach and trust organizations like the news commentators, the union bosses and the ultra conservative John Birch Society? No, we take a different approach that most people don't think of nowadays. That approach is similar to the King Kong approach, except that it is a giant size girl climbing the Empire State Building with a baby gorilla in hand. This approach amounts to trusting our elected officials. I am asking you to put your trust in our Congressmen and Senators. No matter what you hear from news commentators, union bosses and the John Birch Society, our elected officials are doing what we sent them to Washington to do. They are representing us.

It is people like Congressman Butler who are trying to move us forward, no matter how fast or slow it seems like we are going. He wants to know about our problems. He has a very able staff that will try to find the answers to our problems. Mr. Butler and people like him are there because we voted for them. If you have a problem that relates to his position, then put your trust in the government and write him. After all, he trusts us.

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Agriculture Fighting Inflation Butz Tells Farm Conference

By ROBERT COOK

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz defended his "policy of plenty" and said the American farm industry is the "most anti-inflationary section of the American economy."

Butz remarks came Monday, Aug. 4, at the Fourth Annual Farm Conference co-sponsored by Reps. M. Caldwell Butler and J. Kenneth Robinson on the McCormick Farm at Steeles Tavern.

Butz defended the recent sales of grain to the Russians, saying that in the last two years the price of the amount of wheat that goes into bread has gone up one cent while the price of a

loaf of bread has gone up 11 cents.

Butz blamed the cause of inflated bread prices, not on the Russian wheat deals, but on the bakers and distributors.

Butz said that in a big city "it costs more to deliver a loaf of bread from the baker's door to the grocery store's shelf than it does to produce the wheat that went into the bread."

Butz said that cheaper food for Americans was only possible if farmers produce at full capacity, "and that means they have to have free access to all the markets of the world."

At a news conference that preceded the farm conference, Butz said his

decision, announced Sunday, to delay further grain sales to Russia till after the August production reports was not politically inspired or the result of pressure from the White House.

Butz said the agreement between the large grain exporters and the Department of Agriculture had been made to insure that the expected record corn harvest will be a reality; and America will have the spare grain to export. "We want to be absolutely certain," the secretary said.

Butz attacked a Congress with "no sense of fiscal responsibility as the cause for the nation's inflation."

He also complained of the food stamp program that is

assigned to the Department of Agriculture for supervision. Butz said the program should be put under HEW, "if anything is done with it."

"It's getting ridiculous," Butz said, "there are nine million people on food stamps now."

Butz received a round of vigorous applause when he told his audience that the nation has "got to keep agriculture free and out from under the heavy hand of government regulation."

In the question and answer session that followed remarks by Butler, Robinson and Butz, Hyde H. Murray, minority counsel for the House Agricultural Com-

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mittee, replied to one lady that he estimated the Environmental Protection Agency's restriction on the use of pesticides would have a \$2.5 billion impact on farmers.

Butz, also addressing the subject of the pending EPA regulations, said that America "could go back to organic agriculture, but first we'll have to decide which 50 million Americans are going to die."

Following the formal session of the farm conference a chicken barbeque lunch was served.

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Making It Final

A host of representatives from Buena Vista, Richmond and Washington gathered in the council chambers Monday for the official presentation of the \$450,000 HUD community block grant. Attending the ceremony were, from left, City

Manager Harold Gesell, Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, Council members Beulah Decker, Frankie Hogan, Wilford Ramsey, Harold Kidd and HUD representative Carroll Mason.

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Presentation of Park Funds

Accepting the official notice of a \$97,978 community grant for a park for the City of Lexington are Vice-mayor Lloyd Bowling and Councilman Boyd Stuart. M. Caldwell

Butler, along with HUD representative Carroll Mason, far left, made the official presentation in a short ceremony Monday.

Wilson Reports Power Plant News

Delegate William T. Wilson has announced that news has been received from Congressman M. Caldwell Butler concerning the power plant at Clifton Forge. Wilson said that the Environmental Protection Agency has decided not to try to force the Clifton Forge plant to convert from coal to fuel oil. The boilers will be modified somewhat to improve the combustion process, Wilson said, but coal will remain the primary energy source.

Wilson was alerted to this problem by Dan S. Anderson, Jr., vice-general chairman of the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers, and wrote to Congressman Butler about the matter. Anderson was concerned because, as he understood it, the Clifton Forge plant would burn in excess of three million gallons of fuel oil per year. There would also probably be a number of jobs lost if the conversion from coal to oil had been required.

Wilson said that he was "concerned about the air pollution coal boilers produce, but in these times of fuel crisis, we have to think first about jobs and conservation of fuel."

Many From Bedford Hear Butz Talk

Between thirty and thirty-five persons from Bedford County and City made the long drive to Steele's Tavern Monday to hear Earl L. Butz, the Secretary of Agriculture, praise the American farmer and describe his role in the economy of this nation and the world.

The occasion was the farm conference sponsored by Congressman M. Caldwell Butler of the Sixth District and Kenneth Robinson of the Seventh on the famous McCormick Farm near Steele's tavern, birthplace of the reaper with which Cyrus McCormick revolutionized American agriculture.

At Least 28

N. A. Boone, Bedford County agent, said he counted 28 persons from Bedford and there probably were half a dozen more he could not see in the gathering of more than 500. (City newspapers used estimates of 1,000 to "nearly 2,000," but Mr. Boone based his estimate on the consumption of barbecued chicken.)

The Secretary of Agriculture said his department had ordered a hold on grain exports until the August crop forecasts are in; they are

scheduled for Aug. 11. But he emphasized his policy is one of plenty, in which the American farmer had cooperated magnificently this year.

Greeted with "Amens"

The reception of Mr. Butz' talk appeared to be overwhelmingly favorable and "amens" were to be heard after many of his rapid fire statements.

Among the Bedford people seen in the crowd were: Chairman Scott A. May and J. Ray Turner of the County Board of Supervisors; Mrs. May; Lloyd Grant and Roger Grant of the Bedford County Farm Bureau; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Padgett; Mr. and Mrs. George Boggess; Mrs. Lucille Boggess, commissioner of the revenue; Mr. and Mrs. John H. Byrne; A. H. Stephenson; Lester Strawn; Mrs. C. O. Updike, Parks Burks, Miss Bobby Witt and several others.

In addition to his opening speech Secretary Butz replied to many questions, as did other officers of the Department of Agriculture, who accompanied him to this historic spot, now a museum dedicated to Cyrus McCormick's contribution to getting the nation well fed.

Still to be seen is an ancient water mill with the wheel still turning and many examples of farm implements of the pre-McCormick period, cradles, reapers, etc.

Toward noon the temperature rose to 90; the speaking took place in a big tent with bales of hay as seats, but the crowd obviously enjoyed the whole affair and mostly approved of what they heard. Those from Bedford had to drive from 125 to 150 miles, round trip.

Mr. Butz said American farms will produce a record wheat crop this year and only about 25 per cent of this is needed for home consumption. So the export of grain becomes a powerful factor in keeping America's trade balance favorable and "a factor for the extension of peace."

For Lower Prices

Charges that exports will mean higher food costs for the American consumer evoked one of Mr. Butz' strongest blasts. On the contrary, he said, "we have to sell abroad in order to have lower prices here."

Some of his sharpest barbs were aimed at the banking industry, inflationary spen-

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About Pesticides

Regarding Environmental Protection Agency rulings on pesticides, Mr. Murray said legislation will be introduced to give the Department of Agriculture concurrent jurisdiction with the EPS on determining pesticide policy.

Mr. Butz said last week's ruling barring the use of chlordane will give insects more grain than is being sold to the Soviet Union.

About Food Stamps

Messrs. Butz, Murray and Rep. Robinson attacked the Food Stamp program.

Mr. Butz said two-thirds of his department is devoted to this "welfare program."

Mr. Murray said efforts are underway to give maximum benefits to persons who deserve them and to minimize benefits to persons who don't.

The panel for the question and answer period included,

besides the Secretary and Mr. Murray, Neal C. Ewing, Jr., area director of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Mahlon K. Rudy, executive director, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, David Grimwood, state director, Soil Conservation Service, Coyt T. Wilson, director, Agriculture Experiment Station, Richard Goodling, state director, Farmers Home Administration, Frank Elmore, director, Agriculture and Natural Resources, VPI, and Mason S. Carbaugh, commissioner, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

ding by the Democratic Congress and the labor unions, which he said, were trying to turn attention from high wages by pointing to the grain exports, especially the 1972 sales to the Soviet Union.

He said exports allow the American farmer to produce at full capacity, lowering the per unit cost of food items.

He said the Ford Administration's agriculture policy can be summed up in one word, "plenty."

Hyde H. Murray, minority counsel for the House Agriculture Committee, told the farmers of three areas of congressional action affecting them.

IT Happened Here
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Page 4 Buena Vista News, Thursday, August 7, 1975

Monday afternoon, we

were at the Municipal Building, when our friend the Hon. M. Caldwell Butler appeared with Mr. Carroll Mason, and presented letters informing the City federal grants have been approved for the City of Buena Vista. Mr. Butler has ably served this District we suspect, maybe even better than some Democrats who have served us in the past. He and his staff have been excellent to the city, and to the people here, whether republican or democrat, as well as those who are independents. We even tried to get Jeff Gregson (who comes here every two weeks to help those who need their Congressman) a raise, and explained why. The Congressman told us if he gave Jeff a raise, then we would be trying to get his new aide, Mike Irvine a raise also, and then he would be in trouble with his entire staff.

Amherst New Era-Progress

Thurs., Aug. 7, 1975

Butler's Aide 244 ***To Visit County***

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Amherst Courthouse on August 12 from 9 to 12 noon to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government.

Any person wishing to discuss a particular problem with Rep. Butler's aide should bring with them all papers and correspondence dealing with the case, in addition to knowing their veteran's claim and Social Security numbers.

Pay raises for congressmen

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The cost-of-living pay raise that squeaked through the House and roared through the Senate is everything its proponents say: It is long overdue, it affords some compensation for those lawmakers who must maintain two homes, its percentages are no more than those granted to millions of Americans in the private sector, and (in the words of Virginia's Sen. William Scott) it is "fair and reasonable."

And yet...we are intrigued by the statements of two other Virginia congressmen, Rep. M. Caldwell Butler and Sen. Harry Byrd Jr., both of whom voted against the automatic raises. Sen. Byrd used the occasion to talk about his favorite subject: federal spending and its effect on inflation. He said that the raises would tend to insulate Congress against the realities of inflation, a bad result since congressional spending is the "major cause" of dollar devaluation. We can't quibble with him; his position is honorable, noble, idealistic and a mere rustle against the tornado of "realism" in Congress.

Rep. Butler's reservations were even more interesting: He was reluctant to vote in a pay raise for the present term, preferring to vote in one for the next term and take his chances with the voters.

That reluctance was reflected in widespread fashion among House freshmen, who voted against the raises by more than two to one. But the older, supposedly more secure congressmen offset that vote.

We suppose we should take some comfort from the fact that the vote was close in the House and that many lawmakers voiced certain fears the raises might not sit too well with the voters. We don't begrudge them a modest raise, particularly because they haven't had one since 1969. But we do wish they wouldn't vote in such raises right before break time. They might show their appreciation for the lack of public outcry by spending a little more time on Capitol Hill.

Butler aide plans visit

AMHERST — A representative for Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will be in the Amherst Courthouse next Tuesday from 9 a.m. until noon to meet with persons wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government.

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THE DAILY ADVANCE, Lynchburg, Va., Sat., Aug. 9, 1975

Page 16 News-Gazette, Lexington, Virginia August 13, 1975

Butler Aide

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Jeff Gregson, an aide to 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, will be in Lexington City Hall Tuesday from 11 a.m. until 12:15 to discuss problems any citizen is having with the federal government.

Gregson will be at Buena Vista City Hall from 9 to 10:30 a.m. the same day.

Lynchburg Transit

THE DAILY ADVANCE, Lynchburg, Va., Thurs., Aug. 14, 1975

receives grant

The city of Lynchburg has been notified by Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler that it has been awarded a federal operating grant of \$128,000 for the Greater Lynchburg Transit Co.

The funds, approved by the Urban Mass Transit Administration, will be used to defray some of the transit firm's operating deficit for fiscal 1974-75.

Lynchburg's application for the \$128,000 was filed in April with UMTA even though the Central Virginia Transportation Planning Council at that time had rescinded its previous approval of the grant request.

Later the council changed its mind again and gave its

approval to the city's request. The council still has not approved the GLTC five-year capital plan, however, and that could affect the city's efforts to get federal funds in the future.

Richard Jacques, assistant to City Manager David B. Norman, said today details of the contract governing use of the \$128,000 must now be worked out by the city, UMTA and the State Highway Department.

Deputy City Manager Richard A. Berry, who is also president of the transit firm, and Sam Smith, GLTC general manager, said that as a condition of the contract the transit company must put into effect half fares for persons 65 years

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and Hospital, the Lynchburg Vocational and Rehabilitation Service, the Central Virginia Mental Health Services and the Commission on Aging in preparing Identification Cards for those eligible for the half fare rates.

Smith said tokens will be used for the half fares. They will cost 12 and one half cents each and will be sold in multiples of 20 only.

The token will be available at a local bank, still to be named, and when a token is dropped into the fare box on a bus the person must show his ID card to the bus driver, Smith stated.

Lynchburg recently was notified it had been granted a federal capital grant of about \$294,000 to be used toward the cost of four additional new buses and certain other equipment.

Smith said the transit company currently is waiting for the grant contract on that to be completed. "We expect it in 30 to 60 days," he said, "and then will be ready to ask for bids on the buses."

HOW GOES ON!

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OUTLET STORE
715 Main St.

Association held a seminar Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Roland M. Caldwell of 2324 Heronhill Place.

The vocational speaker was Gale Smith of First Colony Life Insurance Co. Special guests included Margaret Mad-dox of Cincinnati, who will serve as hostess for the ABWA convention in Cincinnati in the fall.

The chapter membership and enrollment event will take place Sept. 7 at Casa Loma in Bedford County. Theme for

Miss Arthur will be married to Danny Reynolds Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Reynolds Hall of Lynch Station, the evening of Sept. 13 at 7:30 o'clock in Evington United Methodist Church. Following the ceremony Miss Arthur's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Russell Arthur, will entertain with a reception in the church social hall.

★ Lynchburg

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of age and older and handicapped persons.

Smith said the company is ready to put that half fare into effect "as soon as our board says go."

He said the next GLTC board meeting will be held Aug. 20 and he expects to begin the half-fare for elderly and handicapped persons on Sunday, Aug. 24.

The bus company describes a disabled person as "anyone who by reason of their disability is not able to use public transportation without special assistance."

Smith said the transit company will work closely with such agencies as the Lynchburg Training School and Hospital, the Lynchburg Vocational and Rehabilitation Service, the Central Virginia Mental Health Services and the Commission on Aging in preparing Identification Cards for those eligible for the half fare rates.

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THIS IS a response to your editorial "Postal Service: Look Again" July 30. Let's begin with your sentence: "It is hardly realistic, in any case, to expect national mail delivery to pay its own way." And you explain that to carry a letter from New York to Point Barrow, Alaska, does actually cost "a dollar or more."

The statement is true. But it is more to the point that before the last congressional election Mr. Butler mailed a hundred thousand questionnaires to his constituency and did not pay any postage. Our much-esteemed Sen. Byrd keeps his patrons informed via the franking privilege. On the third day of every month the U.S. Postal Service delivers 18 million Social Security checks. There is not a postage stamp on any of these letters.

Without belaboring the point, the U.S. government is the largest user of the mail service. And the U.S. government rides free. The Norfolk and Western could not make money if its best customers, the coal shippers, did not pay their bills!

Perhaps my union should disavow the use of a strike; and instead boycott any letter or package that does not have the correct postage affixed to it. This would have one advantage for the public. They would never hear from the Internal Revenue Service.

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Robert E. Hawthorne

Campaign manager selected

Robert E. Hawthorne, a Roanoke lawyer, has been named campaign manager for Michael S. Ferguson, one of the two Republican candidates for the House of Delegates in Roanoke.

Hawthorne has been active in the Republican party in Roanoke since he began practicing law in the firm that once had Rep. M. Caldwell Butler as a partner. Hawthorne is now a partner in Wilson and Hawthorne.

Ferguson said "Bob Hawthorne will be a tremendous asset to the campaign. He will bring in new ideas and see that our door-to-door, meet-the-people approach is carried out in all areas of the city."

Hawthorne and his wife, the former Nancy Soisson, and their three children live at 2407 Stanley Ave. SE.

Page 14 Buena Vista News, Thursday, August 14, 1975

Butler Aid In ²⁴⁴ Town

A representative from M. Caldwell Butler's office will be in town Tuesday, Aug. 19, to aid anyone having difficulties in dealing with the federal government.

The aid, Jeff Gregson, will be at the Municipal Building from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Anyone wishing aid is requested to bring any documents and information which might be helpful.

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THE RECORDER, THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 1975

Rep. Butler Aide to be In Highland, Bath

WASHINGTON, D. C. - A representative of Congressman M. Caldwell Butler will be in Bath County at the courthouse in Warm Springs on Wednesday, Aug. 20 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. He will be in Highland County at the courthouse in Monterey from 2 to 4 p.m. the same day.

Local residents who would like to discuss any problems they are having with the federal government with Butler's representative may attend the meeting. They are asked to bring any correspondence or information they may have concerning the problem. Butler holds the meetings in localities he represents regularly, either attending himself or sending a representative.

concern about the increased truck traffic on the road.

but said he would like to have the quarry operating by mid-September.

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Farm Conference Plans Finalized

Sixth District Representative M. Caldwell Butler has announced final plans for his Fourth Annual Farm Conference August 4 at 10:00 a.m. at McCormick Farm near Steeles Tavern.

Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz will deliver opening remarks at the conference, and will participate on the Farm Conference Panel. Other members of the panel will be Hyde Murray, veteran minority counsel for the House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture, Seventh District Representative J. Kenneth Robinson, who is cosponsoring the event, and Butler.

The panel will field questions from individual farmers participating in the conference, and engaged in informal discussions of agricultural policies.

"Secretary Butz' attendance at our conference is quite a compliment to the agricultural industry in our area," Butler said recently.

"I invite all of those in the Sixth and Seventh Congressional districts who have a special interest in farming to take this opportunity to meet with our nation's top agricultural official."

Butler has released the names of individuals who will attend the conference as resource personnel representing agriculture-related government officials: Mr. Mason Carbaugh, Commission of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce; Mr. David Grimwood, State Conservationist; Dr. Frank Ellmore, Director of the Agriculture and Natural Resources program at VPI & SU; Mr. Neal Ewing, of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; Mr. Richard Goodling, State Director of the Farmers Home Administration; Mr. Mahlon K. Rudy, State Executive Director of the Agricultural Stabilization

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and Conservation Service, and Dr. Coyt T. Wilson, Director of the Agriculture Experiment Station at VPI & SU.

The formal part of the farm conference program will conclude at noon, and will be followed by a free barbecue lunch. Although it is not essential, Butler urged those planning to attend to notify any of his district offices.

Butler and other members of the panel will remain after the conclusion of the formal program and luncheon to be available for further discussion.

Ferguson sets 'Dawg' dinner ²⁵⁴

Several local officials have been invited to—and are expected to attend—"Dawg Day," a fundraising dinner to be held Aug. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Roanoke Wiener Stand by Mike Ferguson, one of the two Republican House candidates in Roanoke.

Robert E. Hawthorne, campaign manager for Ferguson, said he understands Rep. Caldwell Butler will attend.

Ferguson is expected to sing his campaign song at the \$2-per-person affair. For that price, a person will get two hot dogs, a bottle of pop and a chance to listen to the High Lonesome Ramblers.

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Meeting set ²⁴⁵ in Highland

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Highland County Courthouse in Monterey on Wednesday, from 2-4 p.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government.

The meeting in Highland County is one of the 10 monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

His representative will return to Highland County on the third Wednesday of each month.

These meetings are in addition to the regular open door meetings which Rep. Butler holds on a non-scheduled basis.

Rep. Butler had earlier announced the meeting to complement the three district offices as part of his plan to have the Congressman and the constituent in close contact.

Persons wishing to discuss a particular problem with Rep. Butler's representative should bring with them all papers and correspondence dealing with the case, in addition to knowing their Veterans claim and Social Security numbers.

Page 12 News-Gazette, Lexington, Virginia July 9, 1975

LHS Class Of '60 Meets

The Lexington High School class of 1960 had a big turnout for its 15th reunion here Saturday. Activities included a dinner at the Keydet-General Restaurant and a family picnic at Lake Robertson.

Memorial tribute was paid to Lt. Cmdr. Charles Parish, a class member who was shot down in North Vietnam in 1968, declared missing in action and later presumed dead. Parish was class president. A letter of tribute to Parish from Rep. M. Caldwell Butler was read, and the class voted to give a memorial plaque to Lexington High School.

An address list was distributed, and the class voted to hold another reunion in five years. Further information may be obtained from Manly Brown Jr., Box 4, Middlebrook, Va. 24459.

Present for the reunion were Larry Barnes, Mr. and

Mrs. Charles Bennett (Becky Black), Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jenkins (Barbara Brown), Mr. and Mrs. John Weaver (Ann Carroll), Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. John Pickering (Emily Foster), Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Moore (Loretta Gauldin), Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Harris (Evelyn Gray), Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kelley (Martha Griffith), Mr. and

Mrs. Norvell Lapsley (Sarah Hotinger), John Leary, Dennis Morgan, Mrs. Barbara Jane Phillips Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rayder, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Barker (Elizabeth Smith), Mr. and

Mrs. Dan Stinnett, Mr. and Mrs. John Welsh, Mrs. Hugh Grow (N Bailey), Mr. and Mrs. Johnson (JoAnn), and Mr. and Mrs. Brown Jr.

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Farm Panel To Feature Talk by Butz

STEELES TAVERN — Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz will speak and participate in a panel at 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's farm conference near here Aug. 4.

Butler's office said Butz will make opening remarks at the 10 a.m. conference on the Cyrus McCormick Farm and then will join a panel to discuss agricultural matters.

Butler said he is "delighted that Secretary Butz will be with us . . . 6th District farmers want to know where our government's agricultural policies are going and this is the man who can tell them."

The Roanoke Republican sponsors the event, along with 7th District Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson, D-Winchester, each year.

The conference will conclude with a barbecue luncheon at noon.

Ford Congratulates City On Program

President Gerald Ford has congratulated Waynesboro for completing a community development program and has called on residents to help carry it out.

The President's comments are contained in a letter to Mayor Louis J. Hausrath.

A portion of the development plan — construction of a 10-story apartment building for the elderly and handicapped — faces action by City Council Monday night, following a 7:30 public hearing.

Early in July the city received \$179,000 from the federal Community Development Block Grant program, including \$29,000 in so-called "hold harmless" funds and \$150,000 in "discretionary" funds. The latter sum is earmarked for site acquisition for the housing project.

President Ford wrote:

"Last August, I had the honor of signing into law the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. This historic legislation was passed by the Congress to change the old, helter-skelter system of helping our cities grow. The new act is designed to let the cities and counties of our nation set their own priorities and make their own plans — with only very broad federal guidelines.

"I am pleased and delighted

that your city has completed its own plan — and that it has been approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"That is only the first step. I urge that you enlist all your citizens in helping to carry out this plan. This is a new direction in federal policy and requires total public participation if it is to succeed.

"Congress has passed an excellent law. The Department of Housing and Urban Development has completed its task. Now it is up to you."

Commenting on the letter, Mayor Hausrath told The News-Virginian:

"This letter indicates the interest that both the President and the Congress have in the development of adequate housing in all communities in the country. It also points out changes in the nature of the approach to the program. It is now much more community-oriented."

Aside from the housing project, Waynesboro's plan includes the westward relocation of McElroy St. and the separation of storm and sanitary sewers east of South River. Over the next few years, the city expects to receive additional money under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

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-SALEM TIMES-REGISTER-THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1975



REP. CALDWELL BUTLER chats with Mohawk executive Bill Ernest congressman's speech to Salem businessmen Tuesday at the Sheraton addressed the group on the national energy policy and consumer legisla
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Energy policy should come soon: Butler 261

Rep. Caldwell Butler told a group of Salem businessmen Tuesday that he is optimistic about an effective energy

policy coming out of the House soon, but was pessimistic about consumer legislation.

With oil price controls scheduled to expire at the end of August, Congress passed legislation extending the controls before leaving for its summer recess. President Ford has said he will veto the measure.

"This is the sort of crisis that had to come," Butler told a joint meeting of representatives of Mohawk Rubber Company and Sears, Roebuck at the Sheraton Inn. "It's been a collision course. The president wants to remove controls to stimulate domestic production, but Congress thinks the important thing is to hold down prices, for otherwise inflation would just be carried further."

Butler added, "These conflicts are so basic that Congress can't arrive at a conclusion, so the battle continues."

Butler said he was optimistic, however, and hoped a National Energy Policy would soon be formed by both the president and Congress.

"I can see it coming," he said. "Each time, pressure builds up. On each vote, compromises are made and the vote is closer. I just hope a solution comes soon."

Speaking on consumer legislation, Butler called this The Year Of the Consumer and told the businessmen they "might as well face it."

He noted a "tremendous amount" of consumer legislation coming through the House, including a bill giving state attorneys general the power to sue for citizens in consumer cases. He said the bill had "frightening implications."

Butler spoke at the luncheon meeting on the occasion of Mohawk Rubber Company's receiving Sears' "Symbol Of Excellence" award for the second consecutive year.

The congressman said the valley has weathered the recession very well, and that a "plentiful, high quality" labor supply "seems to have the work ethic well in mind."

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SALEM TIMES-REGISTER-THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1975



REP. CALDWELL BUTLER chats with Mohawk executive Bill Ernest following the congressman's speech to Salem businessmen Tuesday at the Sheraton Inn. Butler addressed the group on the national energy policy and consumer legislation.

Register Staff Photo

"Little Mary Sunshine" goes through August 31.

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Butler Aide to Be In Bedford Tuesday

A representative of Congressman M. Caldwell Butler will be in Bedford next Tuesday, Aug. 26, to meet citizens who want to discuss problems involving the federal government. He will be in Bedford Municipal Building from nine to 10:30 that morning.

Anyone with a problem should bring all papers and correspondence dealing with the case and must know his Social Security or Veterans Claim number.

The Bedford Bulletin-Democrat, August 21, 1975

Butler Aide's Visit Set For August 26

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Amherst Courthouse on August 26 from 1 to 5 P.M. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government.

Any persons wishing to discuss particular problems with Rep. Butler's assistant should bring with them all papers and correspondence dealing with the case, in addition to knowing their veterans' claim and Social Security numbers.

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8 THE NEWS-VIRGINIAN, Waynesboro, Va. Friday, August 22, 1975

Attend Workshop

Several Waynesboro teachers participated recently in a "Workshop on Wheels," sponsored by the Valley UniServ Unit.

Making the trip were Harriet Aylor, Carol Betlej, Bob Wright, Cookie Wright, Nancy Hastings, Mary Eddy, David Haynes, Karen Sundeen and Arleen Takach.

The event consisted of a tour of the National Education Association Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

A tour of the N.E.A. offices and introduction to officers of the various departments followed. The participants were also visited by representatives from the offices of Congressmen M. Caldwell Butler and J. Kenneth Robinson. The representatives were questioned on how the Congressmen would vote on various bills affecting education.

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THE VINTON MESSENGER
Vinton, Virginia

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DISCUSS ISSUES--Deal Tompkins, right, of Vinton, who is a candidate for the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors from the Vinton District, is shown here as he and Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler discussed various issues at the recent farm conference sponsored by Butler at McCormick Farms, near Steeles Tavern.

Butler To Speak

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler is scheduled to speak to members of the Amherst County Farm Bureau at their annual meeting next Thursday, September 4, at 7 P.M. in the Refectory at Sweet Briar College.

In other business to come before the more than 150 persons expected to attend the meeting will be the election of officers for the coming year and adoption of resolutions. County President Jan Y. Osinga said that reports on activities during the past year will also be presented at the meeting.

The annual meeting marks

the first step in the adoption of Virginia Farm Bureau policy. Members debate and vote on resolutions that will be submitted to the state convention to be held later this year.

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3 Freshmen Lead in Anti-Ford Votes

Area House Democrats Exceed Opposition, Study Says

By Helen Dewar

Washington Post Staff Writer

The Washington area's three freshman Democratic House members have thus far voted against legislation supported by President Ford more than most other congressional Democrats, according to a recent Congressional Quarterly study.

The study by CQ, an independent publication that periodically makes comparative studies of voting records, was based on all bills upon which the President took a stand during the first half of 1975. He did so on 34 House votes and 39 Senate votes.

According to the tabulation, which includes most major domestic and foreign policy votes, first-term Rep. Joseph L. Fisher (D-Va.) exceeded all other Virginia and Maryland members in opposing Ford-backed legislation.

Fisher opposed the President's position on 76 per cent of the votes. Of the other two Washington-area freshmen, Rep. Gladys Noon Spellman (D-Md.) voted no on 74 per cent of the bills and Rep. Herbert E. Harris (D-Va.) opposed them 68 per cent of the time.

The average opposition score for House Democrats was 65 per cent.

The three Washington-area freshmen, all of whom replaced conservative Republicans in last year's elections, also had the highest opposition voting record for Democrats within their respective states. The average for other Democrats was 59 per cent in Maryland and 41 per cent in Virginia.

The study showed that, as in previous CQ tallies, five-term Rep. Gilbert Gude (R-Md.) voted more often against measures supported by a Republican President than he did for them. He voted against Ford-backed bills 56 per cent of the year.

Within the Washington-area delegation, only Rep. Marjorie S. Holt (R-Md.) voted more than half the time with the president, supporting him on 59 per cent of the votes tallied by CQ.

It is the first time since Republicans took over the presidency in 1968 that the White House has lacked support from a majority of the Washington-area House delegation.

The highest pro-Ford record for House members in the two states were claimed by Reps. M. Caldwell Butler (R-Va.) of the Roanoke-Lynchburg area and Robert E. Bauman (R-Md.), whose Southern and Eastern Maryland district includes some of the more dis-

tant Washington suburbs. Both supported the President 71 per cent of the time.

In the Senate, Harry F. Byrd Jr. (Ind.-Va.), a former Democrat who has not given up his Democratic seniority in committees, compiled an even higher pro-Ford record, voting with the President 76 per cent of the time.

The only Washington-area senator who voted more often against the President than with him was Charles McC. Mathias (R-Md.), a liberal Republican who, like Gude, often finds himself in that position with Republican presidents.

However, Mathias' CQ score (voting with the President on 26 per cent of the bills and against him on 36 per cent) was distorted somewhat by the fact that he did not vote on many measures because of Foreign Relations Committee assignments out of the country, according to his staff.

Sen. William L. Scott (R-Va.) voted with the President on 69 per cent of the bills. Sen. J. Glenn Beall (R-Md.), who, like Byrd, is up for re-election next year, took a pro-Ford position on 67 per cent of the votes.

Va. freshmen oppose Ford on most bills

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THE DAILY ADVANCE, Lynchburg, Va., Fri., Aug. 29, 1975

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three freshmen Democratic House members from the suburban Washington area are piling up more votes against legislation supported by President Ford than most other congressional Democrats.

The study by Congressional Quarterly was based on all bills upon which the President took a stand in the first six months of 1975.

Of the 34 such House votes, Rep. Joseph L. Fisher, D-Va., was opposed to the President 76 per cent of the time.

Rep. Gladys Noon Spellman, D-Md., voted against President Ford's stand 74 per cent of the time, while Rep. Herbert E. Harris, D-Va., was in the opposition on 68 per cent of the votes.

On average, House Democrats opposed the President's stand on the various pieces of legislation 65 per cent of the time. The average for all Maryland Democrats was 59 per cent and the average for all Virginia Democrats on the 34 bills was 41 per cent.

Republican Maryland Congressman Gilbert Gude voted

against the President's calls 56 per cent of the time.

Within the Washington-area delegation, only Rep. Marjorie S. Holt, R Md., voted more than half the time (59 per cent) with the President.

But among the lawmakers strongly supporting Presidential directions on voting, Reps. Robert E. Bauman, R-Md., and M. Caldwell Butler, R Va., were staunchly in the President's corner. Both supported the president 71 per cent of the time on the 34 measures.

In the Senate, Congressional Quarterly surveyed voting records on 39 issues.

The publication said Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., Ind-Va., voted with President Ford 76 per cent of the time. Sen. Charles McC. Mathias, R Md., voted with the President on 26 per cent of the bills and against him 36 per cent of the time. His staff said that on other votes, Mathias was out of the country on assignment.

Sen. J. Glenn Beall, R-Md., took a pro-Ford position on 67 per cent of the votes, while Sen. William L. Scott, R-Va., voted with the President 69 per cent of the time, Congressional Quarterly said.

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Quarterly reports votes
for, against President

WWASHINGTON (AP) — Three freshmen Democratic House members from the suburban Washington area are piling up more votes against legislation supported by Pres. Ford than most other congressional Democrats.

The study by Congressional Quarterly was based on all bills upon which the President took a stand in the first six months of 1975.

Of the 34 such house votes, Virginia Democrat Joseph Fisher was opposed to the President 76 percent of the time.

Maryland Democrat Gladys Noon Spellman voted against Pres. Ford's stand 74 percent of the time, while Virginia Democrat Herbert Harris was in the opposition on 68 percent of the votes.

On average, House Democrats opposed the President's stand on the various pieces of legislation 65 percent of the time. The average for all Maryland Democrats was 59 percent and the average for all Virginia Democrats on the 34 bills was 41 percent.

Republican Maryland Congressman Gilbert Gude voted against the President's calls 56 percent of the time.

Within the Washington-area delegation, only Maryland Republican Marjorie Holt voted more than half the time 59 percent with the president.

But among the lawmakers strongly supporting presidential directions on voting, Republican Congressmen Robert Bauman of Maryland and Caldwell Butler of Virginia were staunchly in the President's corner. Both supported the President 71 percent of the time on the 34 measures.

In the Senate, congressional Quarterly surveyed voting records on 39 issues.

The publication said Virginia Sen. Harry Byrd Jr., an independent, voted with Pres. Ford 76 percent of the time. Maryland Republican Sen. Charles Mathias voted with the President on 26 percent of the bills and against him 36 percent of the time. His staff said that on other votes, Mathias was out of the country on assignment.

Maryland's other Republican Senator, J. Glenn Beall, took a pro-Ford position on 67 percent of the votes, while Virginia Republican Sen. William Scott voted with the President 69 percent of the time, Congressional Quarterly said.

Butler will speak ²⁶⁶ to Amherst Farm Bureau

AMHERST — Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will speak to members of the Amherst County Farm Bureau at their annual meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Refectory at Sweet Briar College

In other business to come before the more than 150 persons expected to attend the meeting will be the election of officers for the coming year and adoption of resolutions.

County President Jan Y. Osinga said that reports on activities during the past year will also be presented at the meeting.

The annual meeting marks the first step in the adoption of Virginia Farm Bureau policy. Members debate and vote on resolutions that will be submitted to the state convention to be held later this year.

Some of the policies to be considered at the Amherst County meeting include land use tax for farmers and inheritance tax exemption.

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Butler Lists Staff Addition

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler has announced that Mrs. Gwen Mays, formerly of Lynchburg, has joined his Washington staff.

A 1974 graduate of Lynchburg College, Mrs. Mays taught English at Linkhorne Junior High School for the 1974-75 school year. She was sponsor for the Drama Club.

She is married to Lawrence W. Mays, a former English teacher and coach at Amherst County High School. He is currently enrolled in the International School of Law in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Mays will serve as receptionist in Butler's office in the Cannon Office Building.

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Former resident begins work on Butler staff

A former Lynchburg resident and teacher has joined the Washington staff of Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Virginia.

Gwen Mays, an English teacher at Linkhorne Junior High School last year, will be receptionist in Butler's office in the Cannon Office Building.

The 1974 Lynchburg College graduate sponsored the junior high's Drama Club.

She is married to Lawrence W. Mays, a former English teacher and coach at Amherst County High School, who is currently enrolled in the International School of Law in Washington.

"I am very pleased that Mrs. Mays has chosen to join us," said Butler. "It will be most helpful to have another member of our staff with such close ties to the Lynchburg and Amherst County area."